



Olmsted County Veteran's Service Office

Veteran Services
2100 Campus Drive SE, Suite 200
Rochester, MN 55904
(507) 328-6355

September Is Suicide Prevention Month

One small act can make a difference. Show your support for Veterans and Service members who may be in crisis and spread the word about the Veterans Crisis Line, Service members, and their loved ones can call **1-800-273-8255** and **Press 1**, or send a text message to **838255**, to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, even if they are not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention-Out of the Darkness Community Walk Fundraiser

East Silver Lake Park, Rochester, MN, US

Registration 9am, walk-Noon-2pm, Saturday, September 19, 2015

For more information contact

Contact Name: **Brice Currie**

Contact Phone: **507-993-7862**

Contact Email: **bricecurrie@yahoo.com**

When you walk in the Out of the Darkness Walks, you join the effort with hundreds of thousands of people to raise awareness and funds that allow AFSP to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss.



Career Connection

Job Fair Boot Camp Sessions

When: September 15, 2015
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

September 17, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Where: Rochester Work Force Center, 2070 College View Road E
Rochester, MN 55904**

A Career Fair for Job Seekers with Disabilities

WHEN: Thursday, September 24, 2015

TIME: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Rochester Eagle's Club, 917 15th Ave SE, Rochester, MN

MINNESOTA WORKFORCE CENTER

For more information contact:
Rochester Work Force Center, 507-923-2828.

Sponsored by : MaxAbility where our mission is to maximize career success for people with employment barriers and develop opportunities for businesses to meet hiring needs.



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PTSD Support Group for Veterans, Friends, and Family Members

SEMCIL's Veteran Services Program is offering a support group for Veterans that have been diagnosed with PTSD, or those who have signs and symptoms of PTSD, and their family members. Maybe you need to talk or just be in the company of your extended Veteran family. The support group will be a place for Veterans to share, heal and talk about their experiences in dealing with PTSD. We will be there for each other.

We are our brothers and sisters keepers because the oath we took to never leave a fallen comrade has no expiration date. For many of us, combat veterans, there are daily reminders of deaths of brothers and sisters.

The group will be facilitated by Jennifer Shumaker, Veteran

Upcoming meetings:

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Thursday, October, 29, 2015

6:30pm-8:30 p.m.

**American Legion
315 1st Ave NW,
Rochester, MN, 55901**

Jennifer at 507-328-6324 or shumaker.jennifer@co.olmsted.mn.us



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Wellness and Pampering for Female Veterans Retreat

September 18-20th

Come relax, recharge and rejuvenate! It is time for our **female Veterans** to get the special treatment you deserve! Enjoy the beauty of the north woods, learn new ways to unwind, relax and cope with stress. Discover new ways to enhance your self-care! Check in Friday between 2pm and 5pm. Meals are included. Cost is \$50.00 for the weekend. *Massages are \$30.00 per ½ hour and must be booked and paid for in advance. Camp Bliss is located at 6150 Camp Fish Road, Walker, MN 56484.

218-547-4004

www.campbliss.org

To register: fill out the registration form attached and return with your payment to Camp Bliss 6150 Camp Fish Road, PO Box 879, Walker, MN 56484-0879 or office@campbliss.org.

Please list which retreat you will be attending:

Retreat: _____

Dates: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

1st Attendee

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Room Type: _____

2nd Attendee

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Room Type: _____

If you will be accompanied by a PCA please contact us for applicable fees.

If a massage is offered at your retreat please indicate here if you would like to book one.

Total Cost: _____

Please enclose payment made out to Camp Bliss or to pay by credit card fill out below:

Type of Card: _____

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____



**DEER HUNTING OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE CONNECTED DISABLED
VETERANS, NOVEMBER 12 – 15, 2015
OLMSTED COUNTY'S CHESTER WOODS PARK**

**SPONSORED BY: Olmsted County Parks/Public Works
Olmsted County Veterans Service Office
MN Disabled American Veterans Chapter 28**

Olmsted County Parks, in collaboration with the Olmsted County Veterans Service Office and MN Disabled American Veterans Chapter 28 is offering an opportunity for a limited number of service connected, disabled veterans to deer hunt within the boundaries of Chester Woods Park during the 2015 3A firearms deer season.

The lottery is open to all military veterans and active duty military with documented service connected disability and a Minnesota deer hunting license. Final selection of the hunters will be made by the Olmsted County Veterans Services office with priority based on disability rating. Each chosen Veteran will be allowed to sign up and have two DEERS dependents hunt with them.

Stop out to the Olmsted County Veterans Service Office to register for the hunt.
2100 Campus Drive SE, Rochester, MN 55904
Or Call 507-328-6355 for more information.



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EDUCATION BENEFITS

VA Requirements

- *Copy of your discharge (DD214)*
- *Documentation of an enlistment incentive called a “kicker” if eligible*
- *To qualify for monthly housing allowance, you must attend school more than half-time (7 out of 12 credits)*

To apply go to : <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/vonapp> OR

<https://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

Set up a user name and password, or login with previous user name and Password.

For more information, about veterans education benefits, contact your MN Department of Veterans Affairs, Higher Education Regional

- Coordinator: Mark Larsen, Regional Coordinator 507-779-9375
mark.larsen@state.mn.us RCTC Veterans Resource Center EA 115

Or the County Veterans Service Office at: 507-328-6355



Other upcoming local events

Rochester American Legion Post 92
3rd Tuesday of each month
315 First Ave NW
Rochester, MN 55901

7pm
Legion Riders
2nd Thursday of each month
7pm

Forty et eight at the American Legion
2nd Tuesday of each month
7pm

Military Order of the Purple Heart
3rd Thursday of each month,
6pm, March, May, July, September, and
November

Rochester VFW Post Meeting
2nd Tuesday of each Month VFW Post 1215
16 6th Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902
7pm

Byron American Legion Post 119
1st Monday of the month
8pm
505 Frontage Road NW, Byron, MN

Vietnam Veterans of America
Meets 4th Monday each month
at 7:00pm, at the Rochester American Legion
315 First Ave NW
Rochester, MN 55901

DAV Meeting
2nd Monday, of each Month Rochester's Elks Lodge
1652 Hwy 52 N, Rochester, MN 55901
5:30pm dinner, meeting at 6:00pm

Korean War Veterans
Every Monday at Grandmas Kitchen
1514 N Broadway, Rochester, MN 55902
(Silver lake plaza)
8 AM

Marine Corp League Meeting
4th Tuesday of the month, 7pm, VFW Post 1215
16 6th Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902

Kasson American Legion Post 333
Third Thursday of the month
March 19 , 7pm
212 West Main Street , Kasson, MN 55944

Chatfield VFW Post 6913
2nd Tuesday of the month
9– 2nd St SW, Chatfield, MN

Gulf War Veterans of America
2nd Monday of each month
7pm, at the Rochester American Legion
315 First Ave NW
Rochester, MN 55901

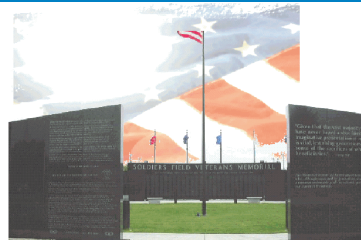
Rochester American Legion Friday night dinners Sept 4, 18, 25 from 5pm-730pm

Rochester VFW POW/MIA Recognition day September 18th

Rochester VFW Lunches served from 1145am-2:30pm M-F



“To promote the interests and welfare of veterans, their dependents and survivors and to enhance their quality of life through counseling, claims assistance, education, advocacy and special projects.”



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